AGGRESSIVE DRIVING AND ROAD RAGE

“It is better to get where you are going five minutes late than dying five minutes sooner.”

AGGRESSIVE DRIVING

- **DRIVING THAT IS INTENTIONALLY INCONSIDERATE OF OTHER DRIVERS**
- **CHARACTERIZED BY INTENTIONALLY IGNORING THE RIGHTS OF OTHERS ON THE ROAD WITHOUT ANY FEELINGS OF REMORSE**
- **AGGRESSIVE DRIVING IS A TRAFFIC OFFENSE**
  - TAILGATING
  - SPEEDING
  - UNSAFE LANE CHANGES
  - FAILING TO SIGNAL INTENT

ROAD RAGE

- A STATE OF ANGER OR HOSTILITY DIRECTED AT SOME SPECIFIC DRIVER
  - AGGRESSIVE DRIVING IS DIRECTED TOWARD OTHER DRIVERS IN GENERAL
- THE ROAD RAGER INTENDS TO CAUSE PHYSICAL OR EMOTIONAL HARM

AGGRESSIVE DRIVING

- **WHY?**
  - **STRESS**
  - **COMPETITION**
  - **DISPLAYS OF DISRESPECT**
  - **FEELING OF DANGER**

AGGRESSIVE DRIVING FACTORS

- **TIME OF DAY**

  0600 - 0800

  1600 - 1800

AGGRESSIVE DRIVING FACTORS

- **WEATHER**
  - **INCLEMENT WEATHER CAN ACTUALLY PREVENT ROAD RAGE**
  - **PEOPLE TEND TO DRIVE MORE CAUTIOUSLY WHEN ROAD CONDITIONS ARE WORSE**

AGGRESSIVE DRIVING FACTORS

- **TRAFFIC CONDITIONS**
  - **HEAVIEST TIME FOR AGGRESSIVE DRIVING AND ROAD RAGE IS WHEN ROADS ARE MODERATELY CONGESTED**
    - **AT THE START OF RUSH HOUR WHEN VEHICLES ARE STILL MOVING**

PREVENTION MEASURES

- DRIVER EDUCATION PROGRAMS
- LEGISLATION TO PREVENT OR PROSECUTE INCIDENCES
- POLICE & LEGAL AGENCIES INCREASING AWARENESS & AGGRESSIVELY PROSECUTING
- HOTLINES

STATISTICS

- **ACCORDING TO AAA:**
  - INCIDENCES OF ROAD RAGE HAVE INCREASED 51% SINCE 1990
  - FIREARM USED IN 37% OF INCIDENTS
  - OVER 200 PEOPLE MURDERED
- **NO ONE WINS WHEN SOMEONE DRIVES AGGRESSIVELY OR RESORTS TO ROAD RAGE**

HOW TO HANDLE

- **WEAR SEAT BELTS**
- **DON’T REACT ANGRILY TO AN AGGRESSIVE DRIVER/ROAD RAGER**
- **AVOID EYE CONTACT**
- **MANAGE TIME BETTER**
- **PULL OFF INTO SAFE PUBLIC SPOT TO CALM DOWN OR ELUDE A ROAD RAGER**
- **CALL POLICE**

REVIEW QUESTIONS & SUMMARY